

OPINION 1898

***Metaphycus* Mercet, 1917 (Insecta, Hymenoptera): given precedence over *Aenasioidea* Girault, 1911**

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Metaphycus* Mercet, 1917 is hereby given precedence over *Aenasioidea* Girault, 1911 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Metaphycus* Mercet, 1917 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Aphycus zebratus* Mercet, 1917, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over *Aenasioidea* Girault, 1911 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms;
 - (b) *Aenasioidea* Girault, 1911 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Aenasioidea latiscapus* Girault, 1911, with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over *Metaphycus* Mercet, 1917 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *zebratus* Mercet, 1917, as published in the binomen *Aphycus zebratus* (specific name of the type species of *Metaphycus* Mercet, 1917);
 - (b) *latiscapus* Girault, 1911, as published in the binomen *Aenasioidea latiscapus* Girault, 1911 (specific name of the type species of *Aenasioidea* Girault, 1911).

History of Case 2975

An application for the conservation of the generic name *Metaphycus* Mercet, 1917 by giving it precedence over *Aenasioidea* Girault, 1911 was received from Dr John S. Noyes (*The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*) and Dr James B. Woolley (*Texas A & M University, Texas, U.S.A.*) on 25 January 1995. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 52: 313–315 (December 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment in support from Dr Zdenek Bouček (*The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*), Dr John LaSalle & Dr Andrew Polaszek (*International Institute of Entomology, clo The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*) was published in BZN 54: 105–106 (June 1997).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1997 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 52: 314. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1998 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 20: Bock, Brothers, Cocks, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Patterson, Savage, Song

Negative votes — 2: Bouchet and Štys.

No votes were received from Dupuis and Schuster.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Aenasioidea Girault, 1911, *Canadian Entomologist*, **43**(5): 171.

laticapus, *Aenasioidea*, Girault, 1911, *Canadian Entomologist*, **43**(5): 173.

Metaphycus Mercet, 1917, *Boletín de la Real Sociedad Española de Historia Natural*, **17**(2): 138.

zebratus, *Aphycus*, Mercet, 1917, *Boletín de la Real Sociedad Española de Historia Natural*, **17**(2): 138.

The following is the reference for the designation of the lectotype of *Aenasioidea laticapus* Girault, 1911:

Frison, T.H. 1927. *Bulletin of the Illinois State Natural History Survey*, **16**: 217.